

CITY OF SALISBURY, MARYLAND

SPECIAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

PUBLIC OFFICIALS PRESENT

*Council President Muir W. Boda
Council Vice President April Jackson
Councilmember Michele Gregory (Zoom)*

*Mayor John R. “Jack” Heath
Councilmember Angela M. Blake
Councilmember Megan Outten*

IN ATTENDANCE

City Administrator Andy Kitzrow, City Attorney Ashley Bosché, City Clerk Kimberly Nichols, and interested members of the public

The City Council convened in a Special Meeting at 5:56 p.m. in Council Chambers of the Salisbury Headquarters Building following the adjournment of the regularly scheduled Work Session. President Boda called the meeting to order.

ADOPTION OF LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

Council President Boda called for a motion to adopt the Special Meeting Agenda. Ms. Blake moved, Ms. Jackson seconded, and the vote was unanimous to approve the Special Meeting agenda as presented.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT

President Boda read the following rules to adhere to in the election of the new President:

- 1. Any Council member may be nominated for President.*
- 2. A Council member may nominate himself or herself – no second is needed.*
- 3. After nominations are received, nominations will be closed.*
- 4. The vote will be called in order of nomination.*
- 5. When voting, the first to receive three (3) votes will be elected Council President. Council members can only vote once and can vote for themselves.*

President Boda said that the individual elected this evening would become Council President on Monday evening. He then called for a motion to accept the rules. Ms. Jackson moved and Ms. Gregory seconded. Ms. Blake clarified that there would be thirty days from September 11, 2023 in which to appoint another Council member for District 2. Mr. Boda confirmed this and she asked if they should wait until the appointment was filled before organizing. Mr. Boda said they did not handle it that way when Mayor Heath resigned from Council.

Mr. Boda said he would vote on the rules, but would abstain from the vote for Council President.

He called for the vote on the rules, and they were unanimous (5-0 vote).

Ms. Outten nominated Ms. Jackson to be Council President and Ms. Jackson accepted the nomination. The vote was unanimous (4-0) to elect Ms. Jackson as President of the City Council. Mr. Boda abstained from the vote.

ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT

Because of the vacancy for Vice President now, Mr. Boda said the same process would be followed to elect Vice President. He and Ms. Jackson changed seats, and she assumed the President's position.

President Jackson read the following rules:

- 1. Any Council member may be nominated for Vice President.*
- 2. A Council member may nominate himself or herself – no second is needed.*
- 3. After nominations are received, nominations will be closed.*
- 4. The vote will be called in order of nomination.*
- 5. When voting, the first to receive three (3) votes will be elected Council Vice President. Council members can only vote once and can vote for themselves.*

President Jackson called for a motion to accept the rules. Ms. Gregory moved, Ms. Outten seconded and the vote was unanimous to accept the rules (5-0).

President Jackson called for nominations for Council Vice President. Ms. Outten nominated Ms. Blake, who seconded, and the vote was unanimous (4-0) to approve Ms. Blake for Vice President (Mr. Boda abstained).

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the Special Meeting adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Kimberly R. Nichol
City Clerk

April R. Jackson
Council President